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# The HAND Update

Bloomington's neighborhood newsletter



## Neighborhood Cleanup applications due March 7th

Is your garage, shed, or attic full of stuff you don't use or need? Don't miss this opportunity to build community with your neighbors and do some spring cleaning to boot! HAND has two cleanup grants available and one of them could be yours. Neighborhood groups of all kinds are eligible to apply. Click below to visit the cleanup grant webpage and find out how.

[Neighborhood Cleanup Grants](#)



**Save the date  
for Earth Day  
2022!**



**HAND has a  
grant for that!**

As a HAND update  
subscriber, you  
know that we offer a



**Please help  
keep the  
sidewalks clear**

Tree planting, Weed Wrangles, and green infrastructure tours are just some of the events planned for Earth Day, April 22, 2022, brought to you by the City of Bloomington and a number of community partners. More information about programming can be found [here](#).

variety of neighborhood grants. But did you know that HAND also has grants to help homeowners with emergency home repairs, as well as down payment and closing costs assistance for 1st time homebuyers? Check out this [slide presentation](#) all about HAND's neighborhood and housing grants.

The [Bloomington Municipal Code](#) mandates that property owners must keep public sidewalks abutting their property clear of ice and snow. Please do your part. Thank you!

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## CONA meets monthly on the second Tuesday

The Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA) has monthly public meetings to discuss neighborhoods' concerns and share topics of interest. If you would like to be added to the CONA listserv, please send an email to [conabloomington@gmail.com](mailto:conabloomington@gmail.com). The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 8th at 7:00pm.

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**Participate in a national focus to:** keep food waste out of landfills, reduce erosion and flooding, improve soil and water quality, conserve water, keep water clean, and **SAVE MONEY!**

Visit [gogreendistrictorders.com](http://gogreendistrictorders.com) to order discounted compost bins and/or rain barrels in honor of **EARTH DAY** SPONSORED BY:

MONROE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**Rural King**

**Order Deadline: APRIL 11**

**Pickup: Friday April 22nd OR April 23rd, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm in the MAIN parking lot of the South Walnut Recycling Center, 3400 So Walnut St, BL OR 7:00 am to 8:30 pm at Rural King, 3201 IN-45, BL**



## Annual Earth Day rain barrel & compost bin sale

Celebrate Earth Day by ordering a compost bin and rain barrel! Monroe County Solid Waste Management District, Rural King, and Monroe County Soil and Water are partnering in this annual sale of rain barrels and compost bins. The deadline to order is April 11. Orders may be placed online at [gogreendistrictorders.com/](http://gogreendistrictorders.com/)

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## Bloomington Urban Forest Patches: A study of perseverance and sustainability

Seeking your input: The Bloomington Urban Forestry Research Group (BUFRG, [urbanforestry.indiana.edu/](http://urbanforestry.indiana.edu/)) at Indiana University-Bloomington is studying the perseverance and sustainability of urban forest patches (UFP's) in the City of Bloomington. They have created a database of these UFP's starting in 1939, and are tracking their survival (perseverance) to the present as well as identifying new patches that have developed. Sustainability of patches relates to both

ecological condition and governance impacts. They define an UFP as being at least one acre in size, at least 120' wide and having a rather complete tree canopy. They are exploring the following characteristic of UFP's

- the current ecological condition,
- ownership and how it's changed over time, and
- formal or informal community or neighborhood or individuals that have 'protected' the patch over time as well as pondering several other ways to characterize institutional impacts (rules).

They are interested in interviewing individuals or groups that have concerns or involvement in the past or currently for an urban forest patch within the current City of Bloomington boundary. Individuals or groups that have actually cared for, managed or protected an urban forest patch are of particular interest. Contact Professor Burney Fischer (bufische@iu.edu) or PhD Student Stephanie Freeman-Day (stjfreem@iu.edu).

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Wednesday, February 16, 4:00pm - Board of Housing Quality Appeals
- Monday, February 21, 5:00pm - Redevelopment Commission
- Thursday, February 24, 5:00pm - Historic Preservation Commission
- Monday, March 7, 4:00pm - Cleanup Grant Applications due
- Tuesday, March 8, 7:00pm - CONA monthly meeting
- Monday, April 11 - Earth Day rain barrel and compost bin orders due

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### Useful City Links

[HAND Neighborhood  
Services](#)

[myBloomington](#)

[uRepo](#)

[trash/recycling](#)

[Bloomington Volunteer  
Network](#)

[Helping Bloomington  
Monroe](#)

[Adopt-A-  
Drain](#)

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